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The results of last week's statewide survey on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (Level C) for first responders (Fire Service and Law Enforcement) require immediate attention and action. Of the nine counties reported, 72 percent of law enforcement and 13 percent of fire service first responders do not have the required minimum level of PPE.

We have consistently identified protection of first responders as a priority in Arizona. First responder protection is highlighted in *Securing Arizona, A Roadmap for Arizona Homeland Security*, published on April 23, 2003 by Arizona State Governor Janet Napolitano. This priority has been further articulated in Arizona's 2004 State Homeland Security Strategy, and has been endorsed by the Governor's Homeland Security Coordinating Council.

Jurisdictions must immediately identify plans and progress to remedy shortfalls. Those jurisdictions that have less than 100 percent fill of required PPE must detail their plans for providing this equipment, to include expenditure of funds by April 9, 2004. Submit plans electronically to the Arizona Division of Emergency Management ([mark.howard@azdema.gov](mailto:mark.howard@azdema.gov) or [greg.manning@azdema.gov](mailto:greg.manning@azdema.gov)). Include information on whether your jurisdiction has PPE on order or has money set aside to order PPE.

Where PPE needs exist and plans to remedy do not, the state will direct grant funds until gaps are filled. I have directed the suspension of homeland security grant funds for those jurisdictions exhibiting PPE shortfalls. Exceptions to meet existing legal or contractual obligations, or to address other exigent circumstances will be considered by me on a case-by-case basis. Route requests for funding suspension exceptions to Arizona Division of Emergency Management, as outlined above.

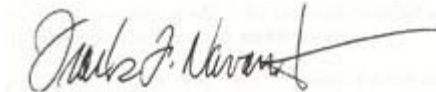
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank F. Navarrete", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Frank F. Navarrete, Director  
Office of Homeland Security

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Homeland Security Coordinating Council